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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director
Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT : INR Damage Assessment of the Lorton Incident

1. My staff has completed a detailed review of the FBI external report on the investigation of the Lorton incident. The report deals with the storage and handling of the classified material once it left the Department until its discovery at the Lorton Reformatory.

2. Based on a review of the FBI report, it appears that of the documents which were discovered at Lorton, only two must be considered compromised (in the sense that they were handled by unauthorized persons):

--The 23 March 1983 Secretary's Morning Summary
(with backup)

--The 1959 Berlin Situation Document - which was not shipped out with the Secretary's Summaries, but turned up as a result of the investigation. (The best estimate is that the Berlin document may have been sent to Lorton by the Department along with a donation of books some time ago.)

--Also, there are no indications of an attempt to contact foreign governments or their representatives by unauthorized personnel who had access to the documents.

3. My staff discussed its conclusions with the FBI investigators, and they concur that only these two documents must be considered to have been compromised. At the same time, and

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even in the absence of any evidence of compromise, prudence dictates that we cannot totally and flatly exclude a possible, albeit unlikely, exposure of other material to unauthorized recipients.

4. In addition, the FBI has designated Agent Chuck Stapleton, 324-4660, as its point of contact to arrange briefings for interested agencies to discuss the FBI's findings and conclusions, in the event you would like additional details.

5. As you may be aware, in compliance with a request made by the FBI, INR temporarily embargoed access to the original documents. The FBI has now informed INR that it has completed all investigations associated with the documents. Interested Security Officers whom you may wish to review your agency's documents may contact my Security Branch on 632-1746 to arrange an appointment to do so.

6. I hope this is the concluding chapter in this lamentable affair.

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this ill!*


Hugh Montgomery

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